sponsored schemes. The main plank of these schemes is to transfer technology through field demonstrations and training of farmers, and supply of critecal inputs such as seeds, farm implements etc. During 1995-96 the amounts of assistance provided under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes is given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No	Name of scheme	AllStates/UTs/Punjab	Amount released in 1995-96
1.	Sustainable Development of Sugarcane based cropping system	2956	124.4
2.	Intensive Cotton Development Programme	997	163.0
3.	Special Jute Development Programme	185	—
4.	Oilseed Production Programme	8820	7.6
5.	Oil Palm Development Programme	1943	—
6.	Integrated Development Programme for Spices	2570	7.5
7.	Integrated Development of Cashewnut	988	———
8.	Integrated Development Programme for Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone fruits	!379	72.0
9.	Production & Supply of Vegetable seed	221	13.4
	TOTAL	20055	387.9

Destruction of Forest-wealth in Orissa

876. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale destruction of forest and forest-wealth by some people in Orissa;

(b) whether the destruction and smuggling forest-wealth has been going on unabated particularly in the Shimlipal Forest range; and

(c) if so. the steps taken to save the forest and forest-wealth in that State from destruction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAI NARYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State and will be laid on the table of House.

Foodgrains production in 1995-96

877. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains production for 1995-96 is lagging far behind the figure contemplated under the current year's budget;

(b) if so, the extent thereof and the actual growth of economy computed on the basis of the revised figures; and

(c) the other changes and steps taken to balance the budget in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The foodgrains production for 1995-96 is now estimated at 185.0 million tonnes i.e. down by about 5 million tonnes compared to that contemplated at the time of the budget. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the year 1995-96 at factor cost at constant (1980-81) prices is now estimated at Rs. 2,67,461 crores (as against Rs. 2,68,671 crores estimated earlier) thus representing a growth of 6.6 percent (as compared to 7.0% estimated earlier) over the quick estimates of GDP for the year 1994-95.

शिक्षा नीति

878. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या मानव संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने वर्ष 1986 की शिक्षा नीति के अंतर्गत स्वीकृत प्रस्तावों के कार्यान्वयन के संबंध में अब तक की गई प्रगति की कोई समीक्षा की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या उक्त नीति के अंतर्गत स्वीकृत किए गए प्रस्तावों में कुछ महत्वपूर्ण सुझाव दिये गए थे और क्या इन प्रस्तावों को ठीक से लागू कर दिया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भुही राम सैकिया): (क) से (घ) राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति, 1986 में शिक्षा के सम्पूर्ण विकास के लिए दिशा-निर्देश हेतु विस्तृत कार्य ढांचा और इसके विभिन्न प्रस्तावों के आयोजन, कार्यान्वयन और निधियन के लिए विशेष जिम्मेदारियों को निर्धारित करने वाली कार्य योजना का प्रावधान है। कार्य ढांचा अभी भी प्रासंगिक है। तथापि, कार्यान्वयन के दौरान हुए अनुभव और अन्य विकासों को ध्यान में रखते हुए वर्ष 1990-92 के दौरान आचार्य राममूर्ति की अध्यक्षता में गठित राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति पुनरीक्षा समिति (एन.पी.ई.आर.सी.) और एन. जनार्दन रेड्डी की अध्यक्षता में नीति पर गठित केन्द्रीय शिक्षा सलाहकार बोर्ड (केब) समिति द्वारा वर्तमान नीति की समीक्षा की गई। तदनुसार, संशोधित नीति निर्धारणों और संशोधित कार्य योजना 1992 को क्रमश: 7 मई, 1992 और 19 अगस्त, 1992 को सदन के सभा पटल पर रखा गया था। अब कार्यान्वयन तथा शिक्षा के लिए संसाधनों को बढ़ाने पर बल दिया जाएगा।

Budgetary allocations for Higher Education

879. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocations for higher education in 1995-96; 1996-97

(b) the budget for university education in 1996-97;

(c) whether it is a fact that budgetary support for university education has declined in real terms in the last two years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Rs. 245.05 crores.

(b) Rs. 238.39 crores.

(c) No, Sir. The financial cutlays of UGC for development of higher education in the 8th Plan substantially higher than the grants actually provided to UGC for the purpose during the 7th Plan.

(d) Does not arise.

Transfer of forest land for industrial sector

880. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENTAND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a great demand to transfer forest land for the industrial sector;

(b) whether the proposal to transfer the degraded forest land for industrial purpose is under consideration of Government;

(c) if so, the total forest land in different States proposed to be handed over to the industrial sector; and

(d) the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FOREST (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Proposal for diversion of forest land for any non-forestry purposes, including industrial uses, are considered on merits as per provisions contained in the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Rules. Presently there is no specific proposal as such to transfer degraded forest land to the industrial sector.

Report on Konkan Railway Project

881. PROF. RAM KAPSE:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of the Committee of Members of Parliament regarding various aspects of Konkan Railway;

(b) if so, the findings of the Committee; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken on the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c)Yes, Sir. The Committee of MPs has since submitted their report. They